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In re Application of:

Przybyla et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Communication mailed February 27, 2003, Applicants elect with traverse the invention of Group I, claims 45-103 and 112-114 for prosecution.

In order for a restriction requirement to be appropriate, there must be a serious burden on the Examiner to search all of the inventions and the inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed. The Examiner has not provided evidence that a search of all the claims would be seriously burdensome and Applicants therefore traverse the Restriction Requirement..

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on March 27, 2003.

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The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Communication mailed February 27, 2003. If there are any issues which can be resolved by telephone conference or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (404) 853-8081.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William L. Warren', written in a cursive style.

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